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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is the distinct privilege of the members of the  
3 House of Representatives to recognize citizens that have shown  
4 heroic efforts on behalf of the life of another citizen; and

5 WHEREAS, On the evening of Friday, November 12, 2004, Gerry  
6 Jenich was returning to his Grayslake home, when he happened by  
7 the scene of a deer-related crash; six young people had been  
8 riding in an SUV in Grayslake, when the vehicle rolled over  
9 after the driver swerved to avoid hitting a deer; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Jenich, who had previously worked as a  
11 flight-rescue medic and nurse for one of Michigan's first life  
12 support units in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, quickly tallied  
13 the number of passengers and inquired about their injuries; he  
14 found Blake Harmon lying about 30 feet in front of the SUV; and

15 WHEREAS, Even though it had been ten years since he worked  
16 as a paramedic, Mr. Jenich immediately began to care for Blake;  
17 while awaiting the arrival of the 911 crew, he twice revived  
18 Blake's breathing by rubbing the sternum with light pressure  
19 from his knuckles, receiving assistance from one of the  
20 teenagers during the effort; and

21 WHEREAS, Blake was transported to Advocate Lutheran  
22 General Hospital in Park Ridge and was released on Monday,  
23 November 29, 2004; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
25 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
26 we honor Gerry Jenich for his heroic efforts to save the life  
27 of Blake Harmon; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
29 presented to Mr. Jenich as an expression of our deepest respect

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